last week of January, 2002 in a bid to unearth black money amassed by them;

(b) if so, the name of the departement/offices and the officers belonged to; and

(c) the number of cases filed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had carried out a Speical Drive and searches at the residences of officials of various Departments as a part of a nationwide drive against corrupt public servants, economic offenders and others in the last week of February, 2002. During the drive, 36 cases had been taken up. Out of these, 23 cases were against corrupt public servants, 4 related to Economic Offences and 9 cases related to conventional crime viz. murder, kidnapping, illegal arms license racket etc.

Medium of examination to Officer Cadre Posts in Armed Forces

5359. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entrance examination to officer cadre in defence services is conducted only in English;

(b) whether the army alone is short of 13000 ranks of captains and majors;

(c) whether a large number of courageous and intelligent rural youths are unable to take up officer grade because of English language;

(d) if so, the reasons for non conducting examiniations in Hindi and other regional languages even after 55 years of independence to get the best and more talented candidates from rural areas too; and

(e) by when such a scheme is likely to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Union Public Service Commission conduct two examinations viz. the National Defence. Academy and Naval Academy Examination

and the Combined Defence Services Examination for admission to various Defence Academies. The question papers for these examinations are printed only in English and are of objective type (multiple-choice) and the process of answering the same does not involve use of any language medium.

(b) There is a shortage of approximately 12000 to 13000 officers in ranks of Captains and Majors in the Indian Army.

(c) A large number of youth from rural areas are qualifying in the entrance examinations to officer grade in Defence Services.

(d) and (e) The Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra submitted to the UPSC in May, 1990 the report containing, *inter-alia*, recommendations regarding introduction of multilingual system of examinations conducted by UPSC. The Committee made specific recommendations regarding various examinations held by UPSC ranging from giving option to candidates to write answers in English or in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution to continuance of the existing system i.e. English as the only medium of examination. The recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee in this regard have been under the consideration of the Government. In view of the importance and sensitivity of the matter and divergent views on the subject, Government's endeavour is to arrive at a consensus and evolve a nationally acceptable policy after holding wider consultation with the State Governments and others concerned.

Cases referred to CBI by Manipur Government

5360. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases referred to CBI by Manipur Government;

(b) the number of cases accepted by the CBI; and

(c) the number of cases now under investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 120 cases were referred to it by the Manipur